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Re: Written Ex Parte in CC Docket No. 98-121

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that BellSouth Corporation has made a written ex parte to Andrea Kearney of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division. That ex parte, made at the request of Bureau staff, responds to an earlier filing of MCI WorldCom regarding 18 loop orders that it had sent via EDI to BellSouth between November 9, 1998 and January 5, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, I am filing two copies of this notice and that written ex parte with you for inclusion in CC Docket 98-121.

Sincerely,



Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachment

cc: Andrea Kearney (w/o attachment)

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Ms. Andrea Kearney
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte in CC Docket No. 98-121

Dear Ms. Kearney:

On January 19, 1999, MCI WorldCom filed a document entitled "MCI WorldCom Production Orders Results Summary as of January 5, 1999" claims regarding 18 loop orders sent to BellSouth via EDI between November 9, 1998 and January 5, 1999. The Common Carrier staff has asked BellSouth to respond in writing to the content of the MCI WorldCom document. What follows is the requested response.

Four orders mentioned by MCI WorldCom were placed for loop plus LNP service. These orders were processed manually. BellSouth added the flow-through capability for designed loops(SL2) + LNP on January 17, 1999, and will add that same capability for non-designed loops(SL1) + LNP on April 1, 1999. The attached document shows EDI receipt of the 4 loop+LNP orders and subsequent manual processing.

Two orders mentioned in the MCI WorldCom document were cancellation orders.

The remaining twelve orders were for loops only. The attached document shows the electronic transactions that took place on these 12 orders, and presents the facts surrounding each of these orders' processing.

To correct statements made by MCI WorldCom regarding these last 12 loop orders, we note that:

- All of these 12 loop orders contained order errors by MCI WorldCom.
- For two of the orders, and possibly a third, BellSouth made some errors in processing them.
- On 10 of these orders, MCI WorldCom entered "UNE" in the project field (indicating an order should be handled manually as a

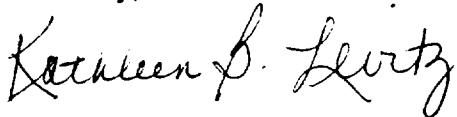
coordination project), which *caused those orders to fall out for manual handling*. Incorrectly placing UNE in the project field also caused manual FOCs (for those orders that were subsequently corrected electronically, an electronic FOC was also sent). In a meeting on December 11, 1998, BellSouth told MCI WorldCom that to avoid these problems, it should NOT enter "UNE" in the project field for its electronic UNE orders. BellSouth's taking this action is documented in meeting minutes.

BellSouth will continue to work with MCI WorldCom personnel to assist them in increasing the electronic flow-through of their orders.

If after reviewing the BellSouth response, Bureau staff has questions about the events discussed in this response, please call me at 202.463.4113.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, I am also filing two copies of this written ex parte presentation in CC Docket No. 98-121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen B. Levitz".

Kathleen B. Levitz
Vice President – Federal Regulatory

Attachment

MCI EDI GA UNE ORDERS AND EDI RESPONSES

(SORTED BY DOC, DATE AND TYPE)

DOCUMENT	DATE	TYPE	DOCUMENT-PON		Notes/Explanation
1998-11-09	850	50091621BSTGA000	A		order
1998-11-09	855	50091621BSTGA000	A		fatal reject
1998-11-10	850	50091621BSTGA000	A		order
11-12 man. FOC 1 line					
11-13 man. FOC both lines					
11/20 completed					
1998-11-09	850	50091831BSTGA000	A		order
1998-11-09	855	50091831BSTGA000	A		fatal reject
1998-11-10	850	50091831BSTGA000	A		order
1998-11-18	850	50091831BSTGA000	A		order in error - should send 860, not 850
1998-11-18	855	50091831BSTGA000	A		reject - duplicate PON
12/1 man. FOC					
1998-11-09	850	50091941BSTGA000	A		order - loop+LNP
1998-11-18	850	50091941BSTGA000	A		
1998-12-03	860	50091941BSTGA000	A		
1998-12-09	865	50091941BSTGA000	H		
1998-11-17	850	50095895BSTGA000	A		order - UNE in project field - fell out
1998-12-02	850	50095895BSTGA000	A		order in error - new cable pair
1998-12-02	855	50095895BSTGA000	A		reject - duplicate PON
1998-12-03	860	50095895BSTGA000	A		supplemental order
12-9 man. FOC					
1998-12-18	865	50095895BSTGA000	A		FOC
1998-12-22	865	50095895BSTGA000	A		CN
1998-11-17	850	50095903BSTGA000	A		order
1998-11-17	855	50095903BSTGA000	A		RSAG error sent to MCI in error
1998-11-20	860	50095903BSTGA000	A		supplemental order
1998-11-20	865	50095903BSTGA000	A		auto clarification
1998-11-23	860	50095903BSTGA000	A		supplem. order-UNE in proj.field-fell out
1998-11-24	865	50095903BSTGA000	A		auto clarification
12-10 canceled by system(inactive)					
1998-11-17	850	50095907BSTGA000	A		order - UNE in proj. field - fell out
12-1 man. FOC					
12-10 man. completion					
1998-11-17	850	50095912BSTGA000	A		order - UNE in proj. field - fell out
11-23 man. FOC					
12-10 man. completion					
1998-11-17	850	50095917BSTGA000	A		order - UNE in proj. field - fell out
11-30 man. FOC					
12-10 man. completion					
1998-11-30	850	50096827BSTGA000	A		order - loop + LNP
1998-12-03	860	50096827BSTGA000	A		
1998-12-09	865	50096827BSTGA000	H		
1998-11-23	850	50096873BSTGA000	A		order - loop + LNP
1998-11-24	855	50096873BSTGA000	A		
1998-12-14	865	50096873BSTGA000	H		
1998-12-02	850	50098164BSTGA000	A		order - UNE in proj. field - fell out
12-8 man. FOC					
1998-12-18	855	50098164BSTGA000	A		FOC
1998-12-22	865	50098164BSTGA000	A		CN

1998-11-30	850	50098180BSTGA000	A	order - UNE in proj. field - fell out 12-8 man. FOC
1998-12-18	855	50098180BSTGA000	A	FOC
1998-12-22	865	50098180BSTGA000	A	CN

1998-11-25	850	50098191BSTGA000	A	order - UNE in proj. field - fell out
1998-11-30	855	50098191BSTGA000	A	auto clarify sent in error?-billing fields 12-8 man. FOC
1998-12-10	855	50098191BSTGA000	A	FOC
1998-12-22	865	50098191BSTGA000	A	CN

1998-12-01	850	50098204BSTGA000	A	order - UNE in proj. field - fell out 12-4 man. FOC
1998-12-20	855	50098204BSTGA000	A	FOC

1998-11-30	850	50098212BSTGA000	A	order - UNE in proj. field - fell out 12-8 man. FOC
1998-12-19	855	50098212BSTGA000	A	FOC
1998-12-29	865	50098212BSTGA000	A	CN

1998-12-09	850	50101561BSTGA000	A	order - loop + LNP

1998-12-29	850	50105228BSTGA000	A	order
1998-12-29	855	50105228BSTGA000	A	reject in error
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A = Acknowledged by MCI (997)

H = Hand reconciled

CN= Completion Notice

FOC=Firm Order Confirmation

850=EDI order

855=FOC or reject (CLEC error)

860=supplemental order

865=completion notice or auto clarify (CLEC error on supp.)